



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **DIMITRIJEVIC TO TESTIFY IN MADISON ON LIFTING THE FAMILY CARE CAP**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic will testify at today's Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Public Hearing to encourage lawmakers to lift the cap on Family Care enrollments. She released the following statement in advance of her testimony:

"As a member of Milwaukee County's Commission on Aging, I am pleased to testify on behalf of the hundreds of Milwaukee County seniors and persons with disabilities who remain on the Family Care wait list due to the State-imposed cap. I continue to be deeply disappointed in the State's lack of help for individuals who have nowhere else to turn. Today's public hearing does offer a positive first step in lifting this cap.

"The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have directed that any individuals not enrolled in Family Care since the July 1, 2011 cap should be immediately enrolled, but Governor Walker and the Legislature have been slow to follow this directive. The Governor asserted last month that funding for Medicaid will allow the State to 'expand Family Care...all across the State,' yet the wait list persists.

"I urge the Legislature to lift this enrollment cap on Family Care immediately without diminishing service to elderly residents and those with disabilities. I am also renewing my call for the State Department of Health Services to hold a public hearing in Milwaukee County on proposed reforms. We must ensure that the safety, health and welfare of our residents are maintained.

"Every day that the cap remains in place is a day too many for our residents in need. Further legislative delay harms both elderly residents and persons with disabilities. Some of these individuals have been waiting for years. Families need immediate action."

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